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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Donald J. Merkley *et al.*
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR REDUCING IMPURITIES IN
CELLULOSE FIBERS FOR
MANUFACTURE OF FIBER
REINFORCED CEMENT
COMPOSITE MATERIALS
Examiner : Marc S. Alvo
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office
Action mailed on August 10, 2004.

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